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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

17858 U.S. PTO  
10/661580  
09/15/03

Re: Application of Katsuya KISHIKAWA and Shigeru MATSUMOTO  
ANTI FIBROTIC AGENT CONTAINING SPHINGOSINE 1-PHOSPHATE  
RECEPTOR AGONIST OR SPHINGOSINE 1-PHOSPHATE AS ACTIVE  
INGREDIENT

Assignee: **ONO PHARMACEUTICAL CO., LTD.**  
Our Ref: Q77518

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 10/030,314 (Confirmation No. 2225) filed January 10, 2002 of Katsuya KISHIKAWA and Shigeru MATSUMOTO entitled ANTI FIBROTIC AGENT CONTAINING SPHINGOSINE 1-PHOSPHATE RECEPTOR AGONIST OR SPHINGOSINE 1-PHOSPHATE AS ACTIVE INGREDIENT.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application, an Information Disclosure Statement, and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the prior applications.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1614.

A Preliminary Amendment is being submitted herewith.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	11-196892	12/July/1999

The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 10/030,314.



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Continuation of U.S. Appln. No. 10/030,314 (Q77518)

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	4 - 20	=		x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
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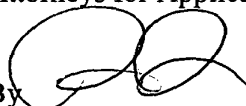
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A check for the statutory fee of \$750.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

A Petition and payment for an extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith in Application No. 10/030,314. The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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